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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Representative Claude Pepper (D., Fla.)  
Regarding Agency Activities in His District

25X1A 1. Today, [ ] and I met with Representative Claude Pepper (D., Fla.) and explained to him that we wanted him to know of certain Agency activities in his district. We made the following points:

a. For several years we have maintained installations and conducted certain activities in the Miami area in connection with our Cuban operations.

b. More recently, there has been some cut back in these operations but we are anxious to maintain our capability and some of the former activities are continuing.

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c. We are in close touch with appropriate local authorities around Miami including the FBI, the local police and the Coast Guard.

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g. We emphasized that despite some curtailment in our operations we continue to give the highest priority to the Cuban problem, and maintain intelligence coverage of the Cuban situation by various means, most of which do not involve our Miami station.

2. Mr. Pepper expressed appreciation and asked no questions regarding the station or its activities. However, he did express concern about the possibility that the Cuban community might be infiltrated with agitators and troublemakers who might carry out demonstrations or even acts of violence in the Miami area. For example, he wondered whether trouble from this source might be expected during the upcoming Republican convention. We replied that this possibility certainly could not be excluded. He said if we get any specific information on the subject, he wished to be informed. We said we would, of course, do so but pointed out that anything of this nature was primarily a problem for the FBI and any such information coming to our attention would be passed to the FBI.

3. In response to Mr. Pepper's further question, we noted that there had been various rumors of the introduction of Soviet offensive missiles in recent months and we had carefully examined these reports. While the possibility could not be excluded, our best judgment was this was not taking place and that the reports had probably resulted from individuals who had erroneously identified SA-2 missiles which are occasionally moved from place to place as offensive missiles. We also mentioned the possibility that some oil tanks recently imported to Cuba might have been mistaken for missile components.

4. Mr. Pepper expressed appreciation and repeated his desire to be kept informed if we ran across any information indicating that the members of the Cuban community around Miami planned to stir up trouble or violence.

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